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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA - Sheldon J. Sperling, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, announced that WILLIAM SCOTT KRAMER, age 37, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, was sentenced for giving false information or hoax.

"KRAMER was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, 36 months supervised release, and ordered to pay a Special Assessment of \$100.00," stated U.S. Attorney Sheldon J. Sperling.

"The charges arose from an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Bomb Squad, the Northeastern State University (NSU) Police Department, and the City of Tahlequah police and fire departments," stated U.S. Attorney Sperling.

"The affidavit underlying the federal complaint, asserts the following," U.S. Attorney Sperling reported. "On April 25, 2007, a note and a hoax device were found in the University Center cafeteria area. The defendant, an employee of Sodexo (food service for NSU), was identified from surveillance video as having been in the area around the time of the incident. KRAMER was questioned by NSU Police Department personnel the following day and allegedly admitted to writing and placing the note and the hoax device at the University Center cafeteria near the trash cans."

"The law permits detention if a defendant is likely to flee or poses a danger to the community. Under the unique facts relevant to this defendant, the court could not so find. The alleged hoax was taken very seriously by law enforcement and university officials," recalled U.S. Attorney Sperling.

"This guy is going to prison . . . period. Why? He scared people and wasted lots of law enforcement and student time."

"When the defendant verbalized his bomb threat, NSU, Tahlequah Police Department and Cherokee County Officers engaged ATF Agents. In this day and age, we have to take every bomb threat seriously. We have to evacuate, investigate and prosecute. It no joke – hoax or not," remarked U.S. Attorney Sperling.

"The Honorable James H. Payne, District Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, presided over today's sentencing. Judge Payne ordered the defendant to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on October 25, 2007 to begin serving his sentence. Assistant United States Attorney Paul G. Hess represented the government."

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